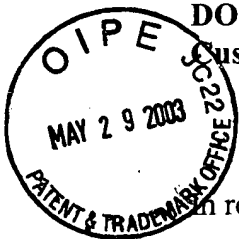


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This Response is filed in response to the Office Action mailed January 27, 2003. Applicant respectfully requests a one (1) month extension of time for filing a response to the Office Action. The response period is presently set to expire on April 27, 2003, and if this Request for Extension of Time is granted, the new response date will be May 27, 2003.

No further fees are believed to be necessary; however, in the event that any additional fees are required for the prosecution of this application, please charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0208. No further extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an additional extension of time is needed, the extension is requested and please charge the fee for this extension to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.